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An Explanation

There has been some delay in getting out our papers. (1) The Quarterly is one week late, but will be mailed in time so that all schools having ordered in time will receive them for distribution on Sunday December 31, which is review day. (2) The Annual is now ready and orders can be promptly filled at ten cents each, or \$1.00 per dozen. (3) That premium, "In His Steps," which should have been mailed ten days ago, is not yet mailed and will not be for a few days. (4) The Angelus and Our Little Folks will be mailed so as to reach all our people in time for use on January 7. (5) The copy for the first of the series of Eight Booklets is not yet in hand, and if it had been it is doubtful whether the booklet could have been made. We presume Brother Tombaugh knows this. We repeat however that the whole series will be issued during the year 1900. (6) We have had a number of calls for tracts but cannot fill them because they are not on hand. The four page tract on Feetwashing is in type and has been for more than a week.

Now all this needs an explanation, for our people want to know the "whys" and "wherefores" of things. We will offer our explanation, and if in your judgment there is good reason for this delay, well and good, and if in your judgment we are at fault, we assure you that we will not quarrel but let you have your opinion about the matter. About a month ago Brother Slotter, our foreman in the office, received the sad news of the death of his father in California, and on the same day took the train for a 3 000 miles ride. For sometime his health has not been good and he has decided to remain in California until spring. This left us without a pressman, and a pressman is an absolute necessity in any printing office. We have made every reasonable effort to secure a good pressman but failed. We dispatched a messenger to Akron, Ohio, where there are probably more pressmen, and good ones, for the size of the town than in any other city in the world, for here is located the Werner Co., the largest printing establishment in the world. Our messenger returned with the news that if he had been a printer they would have hired him and kept him there. What was to be done? Only one thing remained for us to do, and that was to take off our "editorial coat," and "pitch in." We are by no means too good to tackle that kind of work, for it is honorable, but what would

you think if some city preacher were to come to your farm and without practice undertake to run your "self-binder?" It would be rather awkward, we imagine. "Every man to his trade." Besides that we have, as our readers know, a few other things to do besides running a press. But it was the only way open and we have been "at it" ever since. If you were to drop in sometime, it is doubtful whether you would recognize the editor. Last Friday we went to the press room early in the morning, and except for our meals, did not get out until 11 o'clock at night. We are learning brethren, and when thrown out of our job, it might not come amiss to have this bit of education forced upon us. We have now secured a good printer, but he is not a pressman, yet he is learning that part of the trade, and if our readers will have a little patience, and be satisfied even if the work is not quite so neatly executed as formerly, it will come all right with a little more experience. Our editorial work is being done at night, late in the evening and early in the morning, while the day is spent in the press room. We are not complaining, simply explaining. The people will want to know why this "thusness," and we have given the "reasons why."

Those 3,000 Subscribers

Well, we do not have them yet, tho the list is growing and we mean to keep the 3 000 mark before our people until the number is reached. We trust our agents and all others interested will not relax their efforts until it can be reported that we have 3 000 subscribers on the list. It is not unreasonable for the Board to ask for 3,000 subscribers; 4,000 would not be an unreasonable number with our membership, but we have set the mark low enough so as not to discourage any one. We hope to receive very encouraging reports by the first of the year. Please do not disappoint us.

Personal Mention

Brother E. E. Haskins reports seven confessions at Moxham, Pa., three baptized and two applicants for baptism. While writing this bit of news, the Moxham brethren and sisters gave Brother Haskins a very pleasant surprise.

A notice from Brother Darling, of Pittsburg, Pa., a communion to be held in that congregation, should have been published in this issue, but was crowded out, hence this personal mention. The meeting will be held December 28.

December 22 a series of revival meetings will begin in the Oakland, Pa., Brethren church, to be conducted by brother J. L. Bowman.

Brother Henry Wise is engaged in revival work in the Aleppo congregation where Brother Murray is pastor.

Brother Rench, pastor at Milford, will begin revival work in that congregation January 1, 1900. That no doubt is a desirable way of beginning the new year. We trust every day of the coming year may see a revival in the Brethren church.

Brother L. O. Hubbard reports several accessions by baptism as a result of revival efforts in his congregation.

Brother Summers has closed a very good meeting at La Paz, Ind., which resulted in five accessions.

Brother J. H. Knepper, pastor of the Meyersdale, Pa., congregation, has recently received five young men into that congregation by baptism.

Brother J. H. Swihart has moved from Pennington, Arkansas, to Berne, Ind. He will take charge of the Bethel congregation. We are pleased to learn that his health will permit him to do this, and Indiana we are certain will give this old veteran of the cross a very welcome return to that state. When settled down he promised to write for the EVANGELIST.

The young sister who has been known as Ruby C. Teller and who has been writing several very creditable articles for the EVANGELIST, is now Mrs. Ruby C. Nelson. We trust that this change of relation will not affect her relations with this paper and that we may continue to hear from her.

The meeting at Milledgeville Ill., by Brother Gillin, closed on Sunday night. As a visible result of this meeting nine were received into the church. On Monday Brother Gillin went to Lanark, where the holy communion was celebrated in the evening, and on Wednesday morning he returned home.

At the Fairview church Ind. (Sweet Home) brother C. F. Yoder had one confession at the close of his mission sermon Sunday morning. The offering was \$10.35 which makes a total of \$34.70 since August. That is certainly a good record. Where the gospel is faithfully presented there you will always find gospel givers.

On Friday of this week the fall term of Ashland College closes and there will be ten days' vacation. Most of the students will spend this time at their homes. Brother Miller informs us that the prospects for the next term are good, and we trust his expectations will be fully realized in an increased attendance.

We are gratified to learn that Brother Slotter is improving in health. The California climate seems to be helpful. From a private letter we learn that Sister Slotter too is reasonably well and is gradually becoming reconciled to the vacancy in the home. The family has our sympathy and prayers. May the Lord encourage and comfort them.

Brother and Professor Witter expects to remain at the hall during the period of vacation.

Brother J. L. Kimmel closed a revival meeting at Buckeye City, Ohio, December 3, with four accessions by baptism.

Brother J. M. Fox closed his meeting at Flora, Indiana, and reports nine accessions as the result of the effort. The Lord is richly blessing Brother Fox in his labors.

Brother Henry Wise baptized one at the Highland church, Washington county, Pa.

Brother G. W. Rench, too, has been treated to a very profitable surprise by his members.

Brother Grisso closed a four weeks' meeting at Bethesda, Ohio, one of his regular appointments, and received two by baptism.

J. R. Keller reports three accessions at Warsaw, Ind., the result of a short series of meetings at that place.

Brother Hixson continues his labors in the Kanemorado district as evangelist with good success. In this issue he reports eight accessions.

Fourteen accessions are reported at Carleton, Neb., by Brother McFaden. His letter reached us just one day too late for the last issue which was two weeks ago, and that of course makes the letter three weeks old, but it is good news still, and we rejoice with the Brethren of Carleton in their success.

Brother C. H. Balsbaugh, of the German Baptist church, refers us to John 14:20, John 17:20 to 24, and then asks this question: "Is not this earnest heart cry of Jesus enough to heal our schisms?" Yes brother, enough it is to heal all schisms if the remedy is applied. The atoning sacrifice of the Lord Jesus is enough to save a world of sinners, nevertheless there is a world of unsaved sinners, but it is not the fault of Christ and his gospel. Jesus must be accepted by faith if his sacrifice for our sins is to avail anything. And so that "heart cry" of the Lord Jesus is assuredly sufficient to heal our schisms, yet there are schisms, not because the gospel or its author is at fault, but because some one has failed to make use of the remedy Jesus has provided.